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Major General William H. Harrison, Jr.
President
National Guard Association of the United States
One Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear General Harrison:

Thank you for your letter of 11 September
inviting me to address the 31st General Conference
of the National Guard Association of the U. S.

Unfortunately I will be unable to accept your
kind invitation as I will be out of the country at
that time. However, I understand that Colonel Stanley
Grogan has been in touch with General Galusha, and
that arrangements have been made for General Cabell,
the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, to address
the Conference.

General Cabell is looking forward to joining the
group and meeting you and the members of the Association.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 7.
2. This is a national organization of large political influence.

It has memberships from every state and from the District of Columbia. It is backed by the governors of the states and has high political importance.

3. The Convention will begin on Monday, 5 October and be concluded on Wednesday night, 7 October when Governor Price Daniels of Texas and Senator Lyndon Johnson will be the speakers at the final dinner. You are invited to speak at either the morning or afternoon session of Tuesday, 6 October or the morning session of Wednesday, 7 October. There will be no session Wednesday afternoon since the big dinner is to be held that night. Wednesday morning seems to be the best day, should you accept. The Association is trying to get Governor Rockefeller to be the other speaker at the morning session.

4. For the Tuesday, 6 October morning session General Hall and General Powell of the Air Force and Under Secretary for Air, Dudley C. Sharp, will be the speakers. The Tuesday afternoon speakers include Perry Brown, a former National Commander of the American Legion. The Association is also trying to get Ambassador Lodge for Tuesday afternoon.

5. The Monday morning opening meeting will be addressed by Secretary of the Army Brucker and by the Air Force General who commands Lackland Air Base in Texas. The Monday, 5 October, afternoon session will be devoted to committee reports of the Association.

6. While this is only three weeks away, this does constitute a national forum. Should Mr. Dulles be unable to accept, it is recommended that the Deputy,

MMT

General Cabell, who hails from Texas, be given the opportunity to accept or decline the invitation.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1.) That the DCI accept this invitation to speak and that he select the morning session of Wednesday, 7 October, as the time for his address.
- (2.) That, should the DCI be unable to accept, the Deputy Director be given an opportunity to substitute for the Director.

cc: DDCI

GEORGE J. GROGAN
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